

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 22, and 43 have been amended to place them in better form for consideration on appeal, and new claims 64-69 have been added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing purchasing data, the method comprising:

receiving purchasing data from a purchasing entity, wherein the purchasing data relates to accounting data associated with purchase transactions made by the purchasing entity ~~purchase transactions for a plurality of products purchased by the purchasing entity;~~

creating a data structure to store the received purchasing data;

using a computer to identify, for each transaction, a product related to the transaction by comparing the received purchasing data with product information stored in a product index, wherein the product information in the index associates at least a portion of the received purchasing data with a particular product;

modifying the received purchasing data in the data structure to include data representing the identified product; and

processing the modified purchasing data to reflect all purchase transactions concerning the identified product.